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In re application of:

BUSSE *et al.*

Appl. No. 09/675,650

Filed: September 29, 2000

For: **PCA3 Messenger RNA Species in
Benign and Malignant Prostate
Tissues**

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Art Unit: 1642

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Reply To Restriction Requirement

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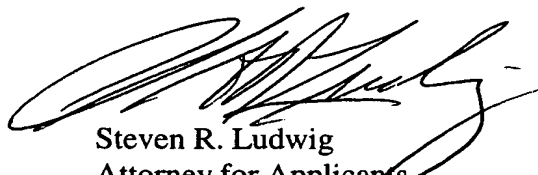
In reply to the Office Action dated November 27, 2001, requesting an election of one invention to prosecute in the above-referenced patent application, Applicants hereby provisionally elect to prosecute the invention of Group I, represented by claims 1-6 and 9-12. This election is made without prejudice to or disclaimer of the other claims or inventions disclosed.

This election is made **without** traverse.

It is not believed that extensions of time are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in accompanying documents. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

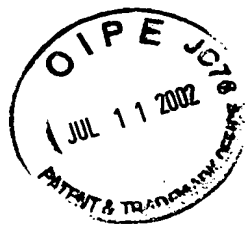
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Amendment And Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated January 11, 2002 (Paper No. 11), Applicants submit the following Amendment and Remarks. This Amendment is provided in the following format:

- (A) A clean version of each replacement paragraph/section/claim along with clear instructions for entry;
- (B) Starting on a separate page, appropriate remarks and arguments.
37 C.F.R. § 1.121 and MPEP § 714; and
- (C) Starting on a separate page, a marked-up version entitled: "Version with markings to show changes made."

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under

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